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Odo, count of Paris, was elected French  
king.

Permanent separation of France  
from Empire.

In India, the Chola line, an Ancient TAMIL  
dynasty from India's southeastern coast,  
had lain in obscurity for centuries when  
it rose again late in the 9th Cen. to  
overthrow the Pallavas, who had created  
united kingdoms in the south. Continuity  
was thus preserved in the south, while the  
north, after the high achievements of  
the Gupta era, fragmented into small  
states and was subject to Muslim

raids from central Asia. The peak of the CHOLA  
rule came in the reigns of RATARAJA I (r 985-1014)  
and RASARAJA I (r 1014-42) when Ceylon (the island)  
was added to the empire, Bengal invaded, and  
for awhile occupied, and a naval expedition  
sent to colonize (unsuccessfully) Malaya, Burma,  
& Sumatra. Hinduism blossomed. The  
great temple BRAHMADESWARA, a masterpiece of  
DRAVIDIAN style, was built at the capital,  
TANJORE (now Thanjavur) in the 11th cen.